

MINUTES  
WEST HOLLYWOOD CITY COUNCIL

AUGUST 8, 1985

CALL TO ORDER: The meeting was called to order at 7:40 p.m. by Mayor Terrigno in Fiesta Hall, Plummer Park.

ROLL CALL: Present: Albert, Schulte, Viterbi, Heilman, Mayor Terrigno

Also Present: City Manager Brotzman  
Asst. City Attorney Brown

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: The Pledge of Allegiance was led by Mayor Terrigno.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA: Councilmember Schulte suggested that Items 12 and 13 be held until next week, but there would be public testimony at this meeting.

Councilman Heilman asked that Item 8 be held by request of the rent control manager, for one week.

City Manager requested that a public hearing be scheduled September 5 for Item 7.

Councilmember Viterbi recommended that Item 20a be tabled for one week having just received it.

Councilmember Heilman added the treasurer's report to the agenda before Item 1.

ACTION: To approve the agenda as amended. Motion Viterbi seconded by Schulte. Hearing no objections it was so ordered.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Jonathon Ahearn stated that the General Revenue Fund had a July 31 balance of \$2,469,032.00; the Street Improvement fund a balance of \$543,389.00; the Transit Tax balance of \$159,028.00; Parks fund balance of \$40,425.00 for a total in funds of \$3,211,874.00.

ITEM 1:  
CITY COUNCIL  
REORGANIZATION:  
ACTION: To vacate the position of Mayor and nominate John Heilman to the position of Mayor of West Hollywood. Motion Schulte seconded by Albert. Councilmember Viterbi thanked Valerie Terrigno for leading the city of West Hollywood through the first eight turbulent months of infancy as a new city, and presented her with a plaque as a token of appreciation for a job well done.

Appreciations followed from Councilmembers Albert, Schulte and Heilman with Councilmember Heilman presenting Mayor Terrigno with a gavel plaque.

ITEM 1: (cont'd.)  
CITY COUNCIL  
REORGANIZA-  
TION:

Mayor Terrigno makes closing remarks on the honor of being the 1st mayor of the city of West Hollywood. Reviewed the accomplishments and strides the city had made over the course of the last eight months. Also reiterated her commitment to the city of West Hollywood and would continue to support the cause of bringing diverse groups of people together to produce a clean, responsible and productive city.

Tony Melia from the Chamber of Commerce thanked Mayor Terrigno for the job she had done for the city. Norman Chramoff stated he felt it was very important to him that the first mayor of West Hollywood was a woman and that she showed the world how competent a woman can be. He also appreciated her effort in taking on the issue of West Hollywood being a "gay city".

Ms. Tremaglio presented a plaque to Mayor Terrigno and asked that in the future, the city should adopt a charter that any mayor in West Hollywood would stay in office longer than eight months.

Sally Fiske from the West Hollywood Paper presented plaque and spoke about the heroic image that Mayor Terrigno had managed to project to the world. And that she had given women and lesbians a sense of dignity and a sense of place that they rarely have the chance to know.

ACTION: Vote on motion to vacate position of mayor and elect John Heilman mayor. Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

Mayor Heilman thanked Valerie Terrigno for the job she had done and the council for the support they showed him. Also spoke about West Hollywood being able to show the world that they can be a model city.

ACTION: Motion to vacate the office of Mayor Pro-Temp and elect Councilmember Schulte to the office of Mayor Pro-tempore. Motion by Mayor Heilman seconded by Terrigno. Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ACTION: To approve the recommendation for appointment as Assistant City Manager, Jerry Shnell. In addition, Lloyd Long be appointed Human Services Director for the City of West Hollywood. Motion Viterbi seconded by Schulte. Hearing no objections it was so ordered.

ITEM 2:  
CITY MANAGER  
REPORT:

City Manager advised the council of the two new appointments that had been made. Helen Goss appointed public information officer.

ITEM 2: (cont'd)  
CITY MANAGER  
REPORT

Debra Potter appointed as Economic Development Administrator. The City Manager also indicated that the elected representative on the RTD Board of Directors would like to meet with the City Council prior to September council meetings. Meeting was scheduled for September 12, 1985 at 6:30 p.m..

City Manager presented a layout of prospective council meetings for the month of October, 1985. In addition there was a presentation of future meeting schedules. He recommended that on August 15 there will be a regular city council meeting to go over general city business. He also had a litigation item concerning Route 2 through the city of West Hollywood that he would like to deal with for a few minutes after the end of the meeting with the city council.

City Manager also indicated that a Zoning workshop on August 22, 1985, for at least five hours, had been scheduled. The first draft of the interim zoning ordinance would be available on August 12th.

City Manager also recommended that August 29 be scheduled to discuss long range goals for the city of West Hollywood. In addition, to begin to discuss council information needs and a management recording system.

The City Manager also had a long term recommendation that the first and third Thursday of each month be regular council meetings where general city business is discussed. Also, meetings should be scheduled for the second and fourth Thursdays of each month for workshops and study session items that the council would like to go into depth on.

Finally, the City Manager brought to the attention of the council that several members of the board needed to attend to other matters during the month of October and that it would be necessary to possibly schedule one week off during that time. Mayor Heilman recommended that dates be submitted.

**ACTION:** To approve the upcoming agenda. Motion Schulte seconded by Albert. Hearing no objection, it was so ordered.

Mayor Heilman made a request that something be done concerning delays in getting the Agenda packet out on time. The City Manager recommended that an Agenda deadline be set for Agendas coming out on the first and third Thursdays of each month. Items must be received by 5:00 p.m. the Thursday prior to the council meeting. The only exception would be urgent items that need to come to the attention of the council.

- ITEM 4: Mayor Heilman requested that Item 4 be pulled from the consent calendar and dealt with separately at the request of the rent control manager. Item 4 concerned an omission in the job description of the Senior Hearing Examiner and Hearing Examiner, that the Hearing Examiner must be a member of the State Bar of California.
- JOB DESCRIPTIONS - HEARING AND SENIOR HEARING EXAMINERS (A.M.)
- ACTION: To approve the corrected job description of the Hearing Examiner and Senior Hearing Examiner. Motion Heilman seconded by Albert. Hearing no objections it was so ordered.
- ITEM 5: ACTION: To deny the claim without comment and refer to the City's Insurance Agency. Motion Mayor Heilman seconded by Albert. Hearing no objections it was so ordered.
- CLAIM - KAY L. CARNEOL
- ITEM 6: ACTION: Deny claim without comment and refer to City's Insurance Agency. Motion Mayor Heilman seconded by Albert. Hearing no objections it was so ordered.
- CLAIM - RICHARD KUNZ
- At this time Council member Terrigno requested that the council approve a Proclamation concerning "Remember Our Heroes Week," August 11-18. Hearing to objections, it was so ordered.
- ITEM 7: ACTION: Scheduled for Public Hearing Thursday, September 5, 1985. Hearing no objections it was so ordered.
- DEAD-ENDING OF NORWICH DRIVE
- ITEM 8: Held by request of Rent Control Manager.
- RENT CONTROL REGISTRATION REGULATIONS
- ITEM 9: Jim Smith of the State Health Department spoke at length about the gas leak affecting 830 Huntley Drive south to 733 Huntley Drive. The first part of his discussion was spent on identification of the problem affecting Huntley Drive. According to Mr. Smith, the contamination seems to be isolated to the underground utility lines, and involves as much as 3,000 gallons of gasoline. The source appears to have been traced to the car wash located in the neighborhood. The responsible party has installed a trench along two vacant lots at 837 Huntly which has resulted in the recovery of 1,000 gallons of gasoline.
- HUNTLEY DRIVE REPORT
- The discussion then turned to whether or not the problem was under control. Mr. Smith seemed to think that with no further complications that the gas could be recovered within three months and that there should not be a continued problem with gas vapors.
- Councilmember Terrigno interjected a secondary conversation concerning the Santa Palm Car Wash still pumping gasoline despite being told not to pump unleaded gas. According to the city manager, the car wash had put in another tank. Councilmember Terrigno questioned if the car wash had the authority to put in another tank and did they meet the specifications with this additional tank. It came to light that the "new" tank was actually the leaded tank converted into an unleaded tank with certain structural modifications.

ITEM 9: (cont'd)  
HUNTLEY DRIVE  
REPORT

The City Manager then brought to the attention of the council that the car wash is creating a technical violation by not seeking approval to replace leaded gasoline with unleaded fuel.

ACTION: Subject to City Attorney approval that the car wash cease and desist using gas tanks until the tanks are properly tested to the satisfaction of the City of West Hollywood. Motion Terrigno seconded by Schulte. Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

The next point covered was the clarification of city and state roles in the Huntley Drive accident. According to the City Manager, the State Regional Water Board and State Health Department are responsible for testing of sites and extraction process, while the city is responsible for coordinating and organizing communications and pushing for action in this crisis.

ACTION: Subject to City Attorney approval, owners of all tanks within a two mile radius of Huntly Drive be required to come back within one week with test results monitored by State or County Agencies. The more restrictive test shall be used. Included in the motion is a required gas inventory. If not complied with in one week, tanks will be ordered closed. Test results will not be accepted without having been observed and verified on site by government employees. The City of West Hollywood is not responsible for picking up the cost of the testing. (If there is a problem with money, the cost will eventually be picked up by the car wash and others found guilty of the leaks.) Motion Terrigno seconded by Schulte. Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

Finally, the board heard from the public on Huntley Drive. The first speaker was the President of the Homeowner Association, Peter Freed who was deeply disturbed that this situation had gone on since March 14, and that it has taken five months to identify the source. Mr. Freed urged that the car wash stop pumping gas immediately. He then outlined what life was now like on Huntley Drive, describing it as a dangerous situation where no one knew just when the next spill was to take place. Mr. Freed also mentions his frustration with government agencies who claim they lack the funding available for dealing with the problem, and asked that forceful action be taken immediately.

The last public speaker was Ron Payne who stated that the residents were not thinking but feeling and felt that the council was not feeling. Mr. Payne wanted to know how many tanks were responsible and how old they were.

ITEM 10: Laurie Shane of Communications Works  
LOGO: submitted to the City Council three  
logos for consideration for the City  
of West Hollywood. Design A was recommended.

ACTION: The City Council took logos under  
submission and tabled decision for one week.

ITEM 11: The City Manager reported that the original  
5-10 K RUN: intent was to provide funding to a non-profit  
group that would be carrying out the race  
program. Since that date, however, the City  
has gradually become more actively involved  
in the establishment of the race - to the  
point where the event is becoming a City-  
sponsored and run activity that is being put  
together through the efforts of very  
dedicated community volunteers. The City  
Manager also pointed out that because of the  
major time commitments that have been made  
by volunteers, the current level of involvement  
of the City has not presented a staff problem.  
The race committee has now asked that the City  
absorb the cost of providing the public works  
and police support necessary for this activity.  
It is anticipated that these indirect costs  
could amount to between \$1,500.00 - \$2,500.00.  
It had been recommended that this amount  
be charged directly to the race fund that has  
been established.

ACTION: That the City Council approve the higher  
level of City involvement in the sponsorship  
of the West Hollywood On The Move 5K-10K Run,  
and stipulate that any costs associated with  
the run, whether direct or indirect, be  
charged directly to the race account. Motion  
Schulte seconded by Mayor Heilman. Hearing  
no objections it was so ordered.

ITEM 12: Ed Slough, member of the Board of Directors  
AID FOR of Aid for AIDS reported that they were  
AIDS PROPOSAL: submitting a revised FY 1985-86 budget request  
for \$50,000. The requested funds will  
enable AFA to greatly increase efficiency and  
effectiveness through hiring an office manager,  
establishing a central office and implementing  
a program to supervise up to eight social work  
interns (12 to 20 hours each week).

ACTION: To refer to staff. Return the item  
to Council next week. By consensus of the  
Council it was so ordered.

ITEM 13: The City Manager reported that the Gay and  
URGENT FUNDING Lesbian Adolescent Social Services, (GLASS),  
REQUEST FOR is the only government financed foster home for  
GLASS gay and lesbian youth. The new owner of the home  
does not want homosexual youth living on the  
property. GLASS must either purchase the home,  
or the kids have to go back to Maclaren Hall  
or juvenile hall. GLASS is asking for  
\$50,000.00 so it may complete financing the  
home, and the program will be able to continue  
without interruption.

ACTION: Referred to staff. Will be brought  
back to City Council in one week - by the  
consensus of the council.

September 5 agenda the City Manager is to  
recommend priority funding in Social Service  
areas. There are two areas to move ahead on at  
once. These are homeless and youth on the street.

ITEM 14:  
PARKING  
STUDY

The City Manager reported that the Council had requested that staff evaluate the possibility of utilizing parking spaces that are currently available at the Pacific Design Center for evening and weekend use. Because of the limited amount of in-house staff available, this issue was discussed with our general plan consulting team. The consultants were asked to submit a proposal for the work necessary to perform a feasibility study, and implement the parking program that would utilize the parking spaces available at the Pacific Design Center during their non-business hours.

Council discussion ensued in which the consensus was that the City staff should contact Pacific Design Center, the Post Office, RTD, and the 9000 Sunset Building to find out what conditions they would place on opening up their lots for the City at night and weekends. At this time it should be brought back to the Council for discussion on where they want to go from there.

Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia spoke about her concern that the City would have to be grateful to PDC for the use of their lot.

Joyce Hundal, 9002 Rangely Ave., agreed that the City should find a way to open up parking, even if it were only finding some solution to employee parking.

Claude Monser, 8719 Rosewood Avenue stated he would like the City to change the Permit Parking regulations.

Ron Shipton asked why the City didn't open up the parking lot at West Hollywood Park to public parking at night.

ITEM 15:  
CRIME ANALYSIS  
SYSTEM

The City Manager reported that Captain Cook was submitting a proposal to downtown for the establishment of a Crime Analysis System and requesting that a crime analyst, who would not be charged to the City, be assigned to the station for the development of the program. The City would contribute to this program by purchasing the computer hardware necessary for its operation and loaning it to the West Hollywood Sheriff's Station. The cost of the hardware requested was under \$13,000. However he suggested that the Sheriff's Office include a modem within this package that might increase the cost to \$13,500.00.

ACTION: That the City Council authorize funding of the computer hardware.

Motion Mayor Heilman seconded by Schulte Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

ITEM 16:  
PARKING  
AUTHORITY

ACTION: To table this item.

ITEM 17:  
CDBG PROGRAM

The City Manager reported that on August 29, 1985, the County of Los Angeles will commemorate the 10th anniversary of the establishment of the Community Development Block Grant Program.

ACTION: To approve Resolution No. 92 declaring August 29th as Community Development Block Grant Day, and commending the L.A. County Board of Supervisors for their administration of this outstanding Federal Program.

Motion Mayor Heilman seconded by Schulte Hearing no objection it was so ordered.

- ITEM 18: PARK AND MEDIAN REHAB
- The City Manager reported that there was a need for major restoration work within the two community parks and ongoing maintenance work in the parks and Median Island. As a result, staff has contracted POD, a landscape architectural firm, and requested a proposal for the preparation of bid documents and specifications for the work necessary to restore the parks to their original design condition.
- The Council discussion brought up the possibility of appointing a citizen's committee to bring back recommendations to the Council on what the community would like to see developed in the parks.
- ACTION: For the City Manager to bring back another bid on September 5.  
Motion Viterbi seconded by Terrigno  
Hearing no objection it was so ordered.
- Councilmember Terrigno further requested that the City Manager bring back recommendations on how to appoint Commissions and Committees.
- ITEM 19: PLANNING PROCESS
- ACTION: Tabled to study session with Envicom.
- ITEM 20: AMENDMENT TO THE BUILDING MORATORIUM (ORDINANCE 69u)
- PROPOSED ACTION: Strike clause (2) and and change (1) from 5,000 to 1,000 sq. ft.  
Motion Viterbi seconded by Schulte.  
Ayes: Viterbi, Schulte  
Noes: Albert, Mayor Heilman  
Abstain: Terrigno  
Motion fails.
- ACTION: To change (1) from 5,000 to 1,000 sq. ft.. Waive further reading and adopt Ordinance No. 69u.  
Motion Schulte seconded by Albert  
Ayes: Albert, Terrigno, Viterbi, Schulte  
Mayor Heilman  
Noes: None  
Motion Carried
- Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia stated that (4) concerning the 50% more parking was ambiguous. The City Attorney stated that "project" means "addition".
- ITEM 21: FALSE ALARM ORDINANCE
- Table to August 15, 1985.
- ITEM 22: DEMAND REGISTER - RESOLUTION NO.
- ACTION: To adopt Resolution No. 91, "A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEST HOLLYWOOD ALLOWING AND APPROVING FOR PAYMENT, DEMANDS PRESENTED ON DEMAND REGISTER NO. EIGHTEEN."  
Motion Viterbi seconded by Schulte. Noting the abstention by member Terrigno it was so ordered.
- ITEM 20: RECONSIDERATION
- Councilmember Terrigno requested a reconsideration of the amendment to the Building Moratorium (Ordinance 69u), that was considered earlier in the evening with a change in (2) from two stories to three stories. The assistant to the City Attorney stated she would draft an amending ordinance and bring it back at the end of the meeting for consideration.
- ITEM 23:

ITEM 23a:                   The City Manager reported he had received  
 WRITTEN AND               a letter from the County Parks and  
 ORAL                       Recreation Commission about a request  
 COMMUNICATIONS           from the St. James Club for use of William  
                               S. Hart Park to construct a parking structure  
                               on the top level. The park is located  
                               next to the Sunset Plaza Dr. The Commission  
                               will be hearing requests tomorrow night.  
                               The park is owned by the City of Los Angeles  
                               but located in the City of West Hollywood.

ACTION: Motion to send someone Friday to  
 represent the Council. That the Council would  
 like to consider the options. That the  
 Council would like to acquire the land or  
 the rights to the land. They would also  
 like some time to get back to the County  
 Parks and Recreation Commission on this  
 matter. Motion Terrigno seconded by Schulte.  
 AYES: All  
 NOES: None  
 Motion carried.

ITEM 23:                   The Council directed the City Manager to  
 WRITTEN AND               request that the fire department provide  
 ORAL                       recommendations on a smoke alarm ordinance.  
 COMMUNICATIONS           John O'Brien addressed the City Council,  
                               requesting a letter to the government of  
                               South Africa expressing concern about  
                               Simon Nicote, and support for the gay  
                               community in New Zealand that is presently  
                               under attack. The Council requested that  
                               he bring back written information.

Jeanne Dobrin, 9000 Cynthia, stated that  
 she is alarmed over the number of zoning  
 violations in the City of West Hollywood,  
 and that nothing is being done. Council  
 Member Schulte replied that at present  
 there is no staff to take care of the  
 problem. The City Manager reported that  
 the City is recruiting a code enforcement  
 officer or officers, (number not yet  
 authorized).

The City Council adjourned to a closed  
 session at 12:45 a.m..

The City Council reconvened at 12:58 and  
 Mayor Heilman announced they had discussed  
 pending litigation.

Assistant City Attorney Brown at this time  
 supplied the Council with a copy of  
 Ordinance 75 U, amending Ordinance 69 U.

ACTION: Is to waive further reading and to  
 adopt Ordinance No. 75U. Motion Terrigno  
 second Schulte.  
 AYES: ALBERT, TERRIGNO, VERTBI, SCHULTE  
 NOES: HEILMAN

ADJOURNMENT:               Mayor Heilman adjourned the meeting at  
 1:15 a.m. to a meeting on August 15, at  
 7:00 p.m. at West Hollywood Park.